Apps and Traps for December, 2013 by David Whitby and Scott

Humor

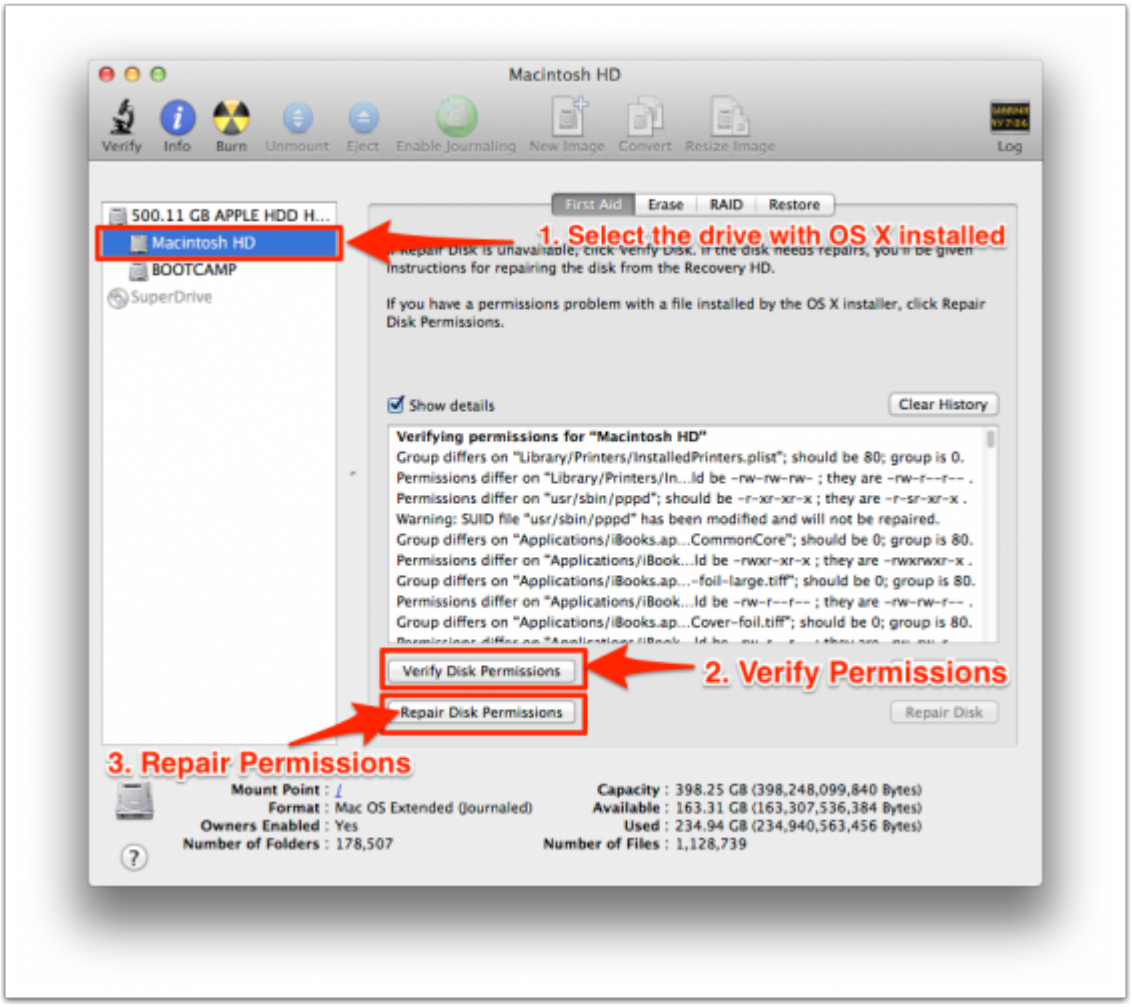
Mac Supports Windows - kind of...;)

OSX

5 Ways to Maintain and clean your Mac

http://www.applegazette.com/os-x/clean-maintain-os-x-mavericks/

1. Verify and Repair Permissions
Before going any farther, it's probably a good idea to mention what exactly disk permissions are. Every file on your Mac has a set of permissions attached to it. These are basically settings that tell the operating system what users and application have access to each file. If permissions get out of whack you can experience issues with logging in, email, printing, or applications loading.



A little post-thanksgiving App thankfulness - WHITSON GORDON on LIFEHACKER

http://lifehacker.com/5962588/the-50-free-apps-were-most-thankful-for/@andrewliszewski

50 Free Apps that many are very thankful for.

1. **Dropbox**

Category: Cloud Storage
See also: The Cheapskate's Guide to Getting Free Dropbox Space, How to Get 8GB+ Extra Dropbox Space for Free with Google AdWords, How to Supercharge Your Dropbox with Wappwolf, and more Dropbox coverage

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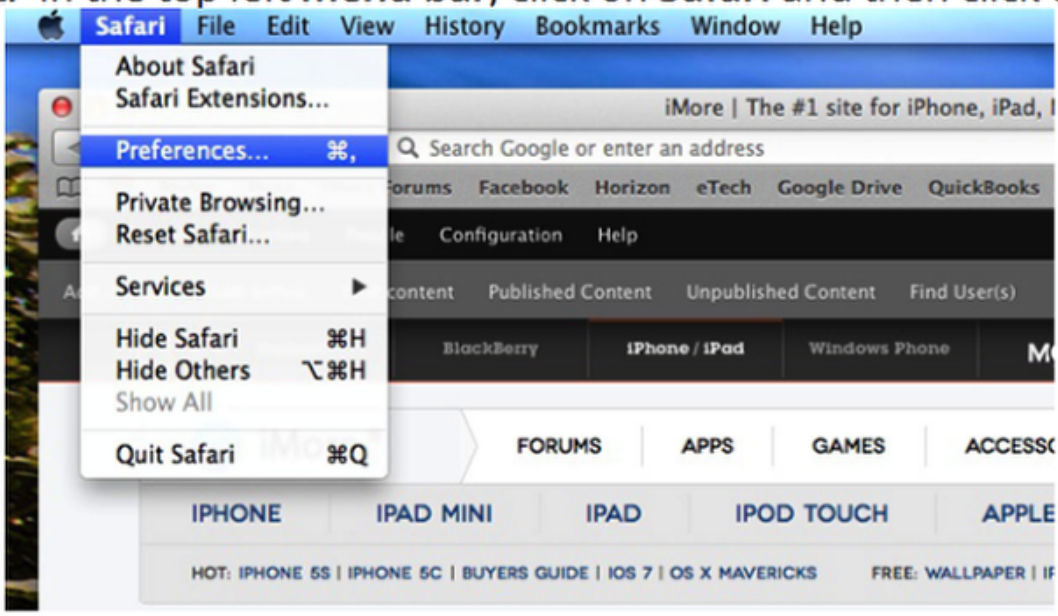
How to manually store your credit card to iCloud Keychain in OS X Mavericks - By Allyson Kazmucha of imore.com

http://m.imore.com/how-manually-store-your-credit-card-icloud-keychain-os-x-mavericks

1. Launch **Safari** from the desktop of your Mac running OS X Mavericks.

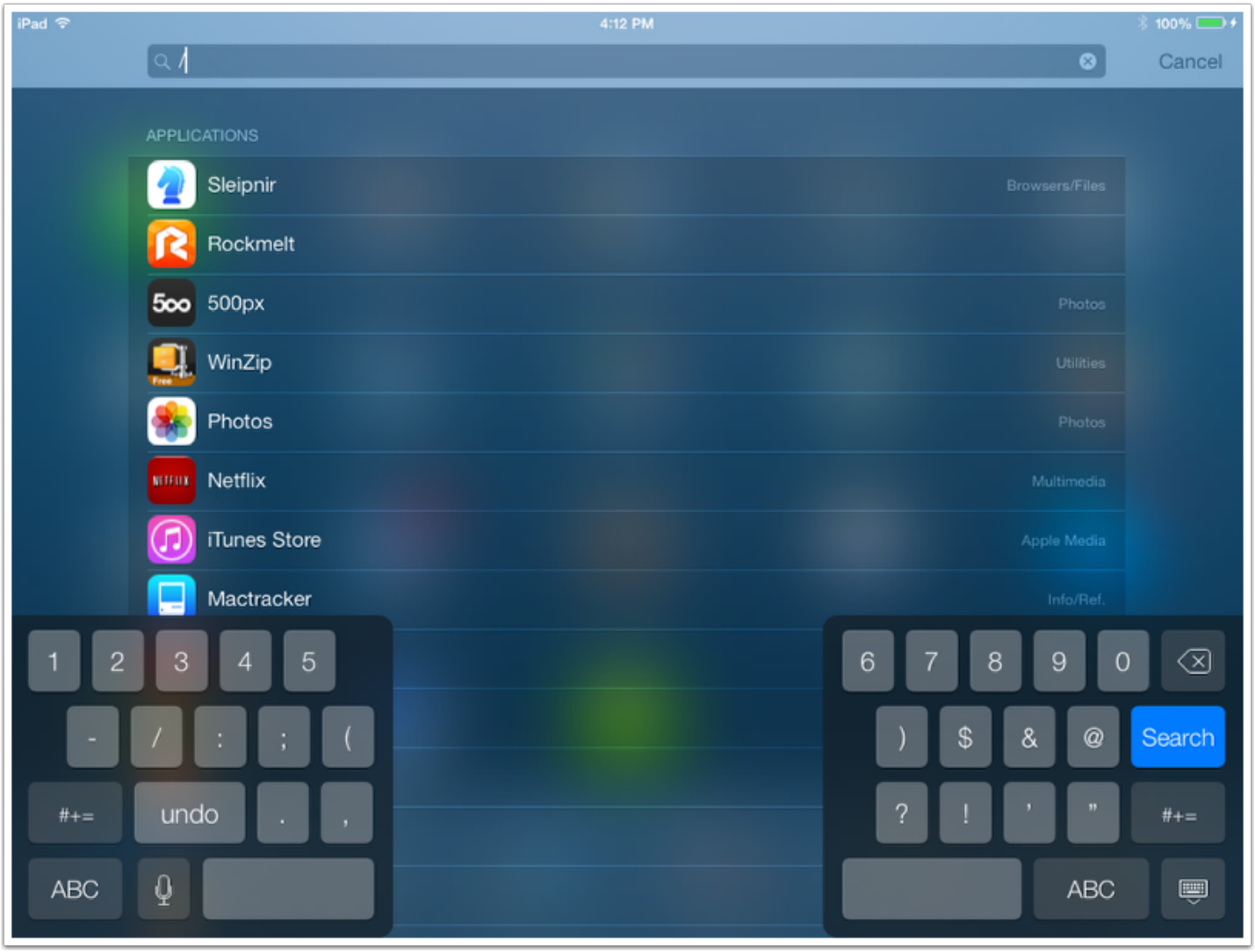
2. In the top left **menu bar**, click on **Safari** and then click on **Preferences.**



How to see EVERY app on your mobile device... by GLENN KÜNZLER

http://www.mactrast.com/2013/12/how-to-view-a-list-of-every-app-installed-on-your-ios-device/

If you're like a lot of iPhone or iPad power users, or have had an iOS device for a long time, changes are you have a whole mess of apps installed on your device. Even if you organize your apps into folders, it can be hard to keep track of what exactly you have installed – and which folder you ~~abandoned~~ carefully filed an app into.

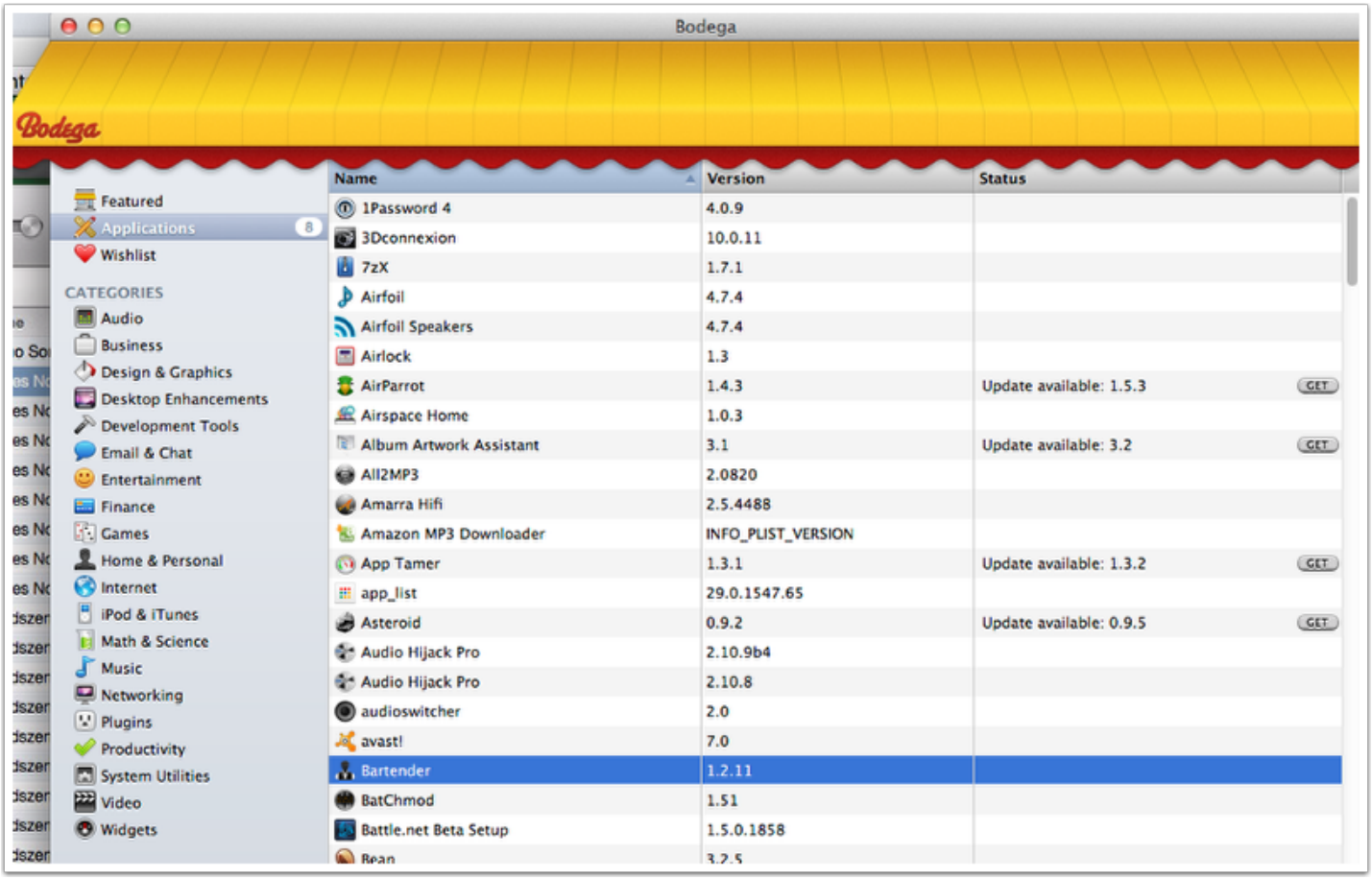


Bodega - 1.6.4 from Freshcode

http://appbodega.com/About.php

I rarely buy software thru Bodega, i've stuck with the Apple App store in the main, but, one very useful aspect of Bodega is its "version" checking. As you can see from the screenshot it alerts me to "out fo date" software and allows me to download the most current version - quite handy.

An alternate update service is MacUpdate.com (though there is an annual fee here).



iOS7

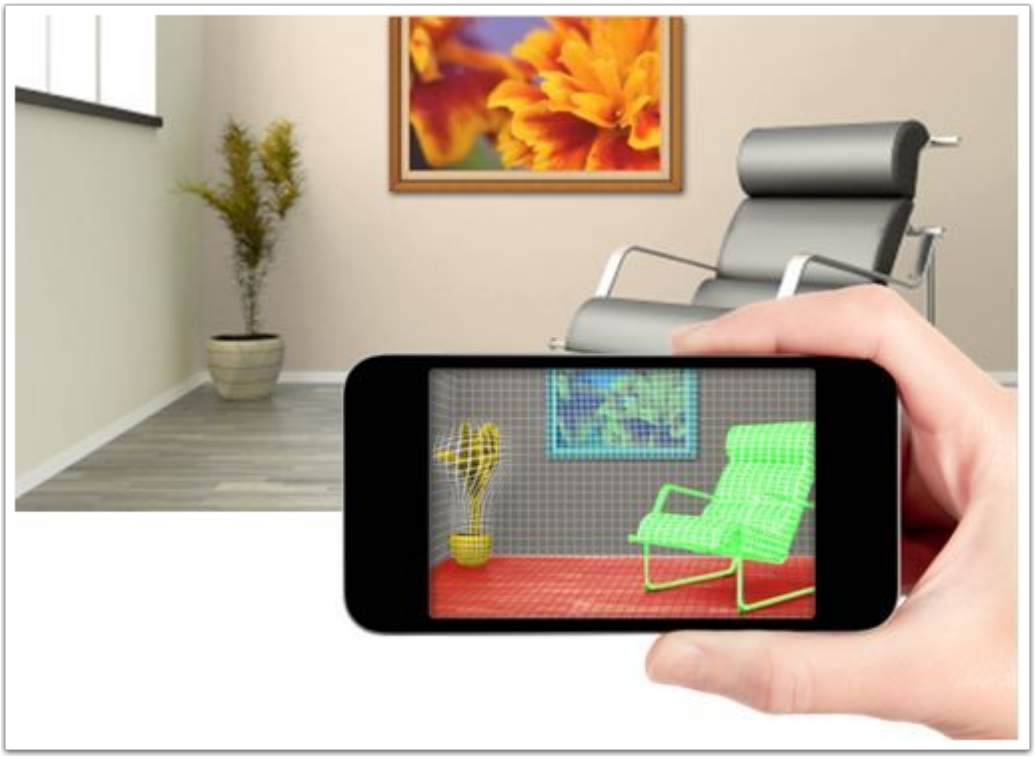
Did Apple Just Buy Eyes for Siri? - by Mike Elgan

http://www.cultofmac.com/256324/did-apple-just-buy-eyes-for-siri/

For example, what Apple got for $350 million dollars is PrimeSense technology, which could enable Siri to:
* **Know your location in the house**. By looking out through your iTV, iMac, iPhone or iPad and seeing both you and your surroundings, Siri could know where you are in the house — or if you're not at home.
* **Know who you're with**. Siri could know if you're alone or with other people. If you're alone, Siri might talk to you. If you're in a restaurant, Siri might display its information on screen exclusively.
* **Read your emotions**. By scanning your facial expressions, Siri could improve its understanding about what you say, and also gauge how well its doing. If a future version of Siri grows Google Now-like pre-emptive suggestions (and it probably will), Siri could learn if various suggestions are delighting or frustrating you.
* **Detect what you're paying attention to**. Siri could become far more polite and sensitive by interacting with you when you're paying attention, and not interrupting you while you're focusing on something or someone else. It could also tell what you're doing — sleeping, eating, listening with earbuds, exercising, etc. — and interact with you accordingly.
* **Guess what size clothes you wear**. You could simply order clothing without knowing your exact size.
* **Keep track of the sizes of your growing children**. As your kids walked from time to time in front of your iMac or TV, PrimeSense technology could recognize your kids and monitor their height and clothing sizes. At any time, you could simply ask Siri: "How tall is Jason now?"
* **Tell you the sizes of things**. By pointing your phone at an appliance or piece of furniture in a store, Siri could tell you if it would fit in your home (having already seen and measured all the spaces).

Virtual assistants like Siri will get better over time mostly by getting better at the context part — knowing your situation and circumstances and helping you accordingly.
In order for Siri to truly understand what's going on with you and your surroundings, it's going to need to look around and have some basic understanding about what it sees. PrimeSense technology is really good at that.
I think Apple may have just bought Siri a really great set of eyes.

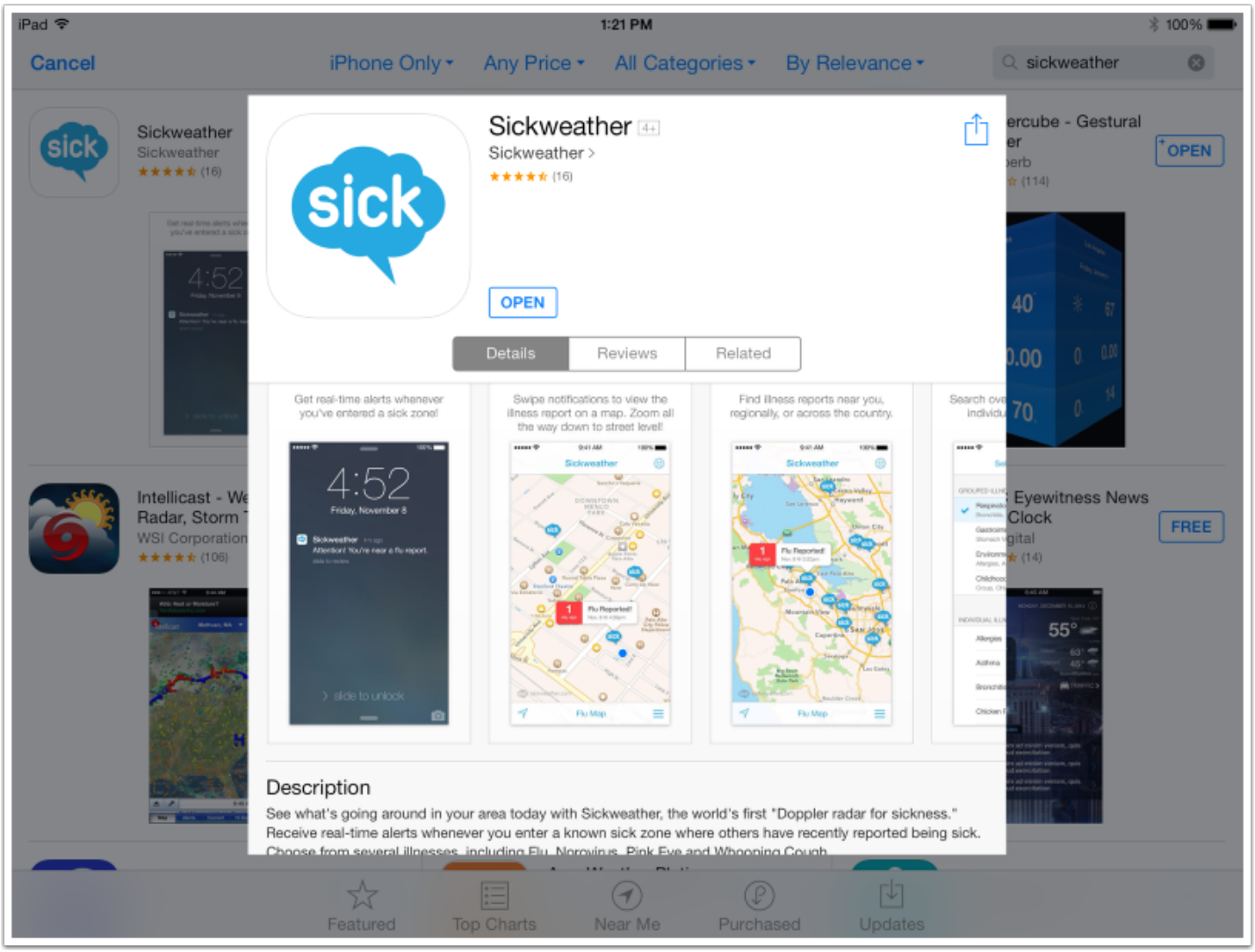
Read more at http://www.cultofmac.com/256324/did-apple-just-buy-eyes-for-siri/#f8cckFDgiU1dsc9w.99



Sickweather tracks then alerts you of nearby illnesses - Zite Reader

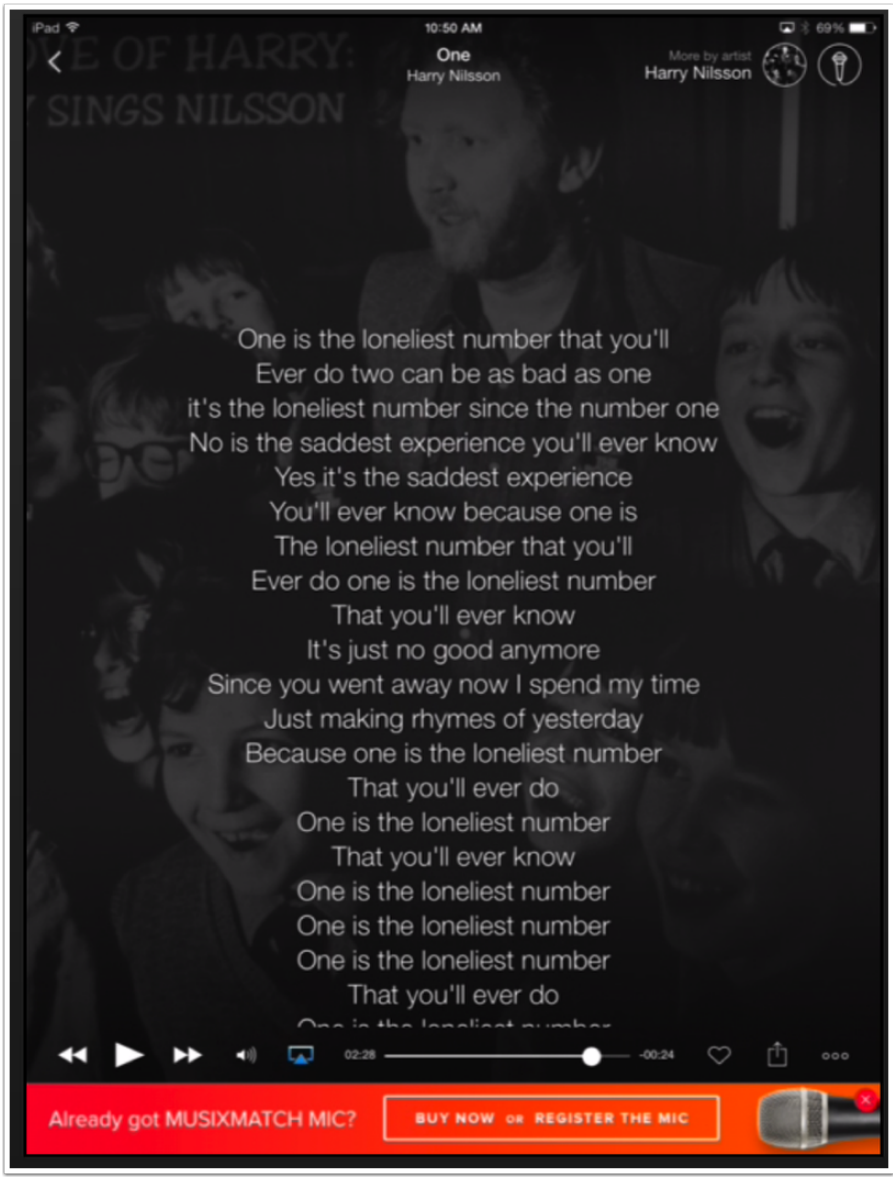
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sickweather/id741036885?mt=8

Sickweather uses a patent-pending process to track and map reports of illness from social media. Reports are represented by blue "SICK" map markers -- tap them for more information of exactly when they were reported. Some viruses can survive on surfaces for up to 48 hours and can have a viral life cycle of 2 weeks, so we color-code more recent reports as RED within 1 day, ORANGE within 2 days, YELLOW within 1 week, and we include reports as old as 2 weeks in BLUE.As featured on the Today Show in the US and on Channel 4 in the UK, Sickweather has been honored among "100 Brilliant Companies" by Entrepreneur Magazine, "Top 5 Sites Crowdsourcing for Your Health" by George Washington University School of Public Health & Health Services, and has been recognized for identifying the early start of the 2012 flu season, 6 weeks before the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).



MusixMatch - Free App store App

Quickly loads up your entire iTunes collection. 6 million song lyrics and growing.. even finds lyrics for tunes stored in your iTunes Match collection.
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/musixmatch-lyrics-player/id448278467
OSX version available as well but for $9.99.

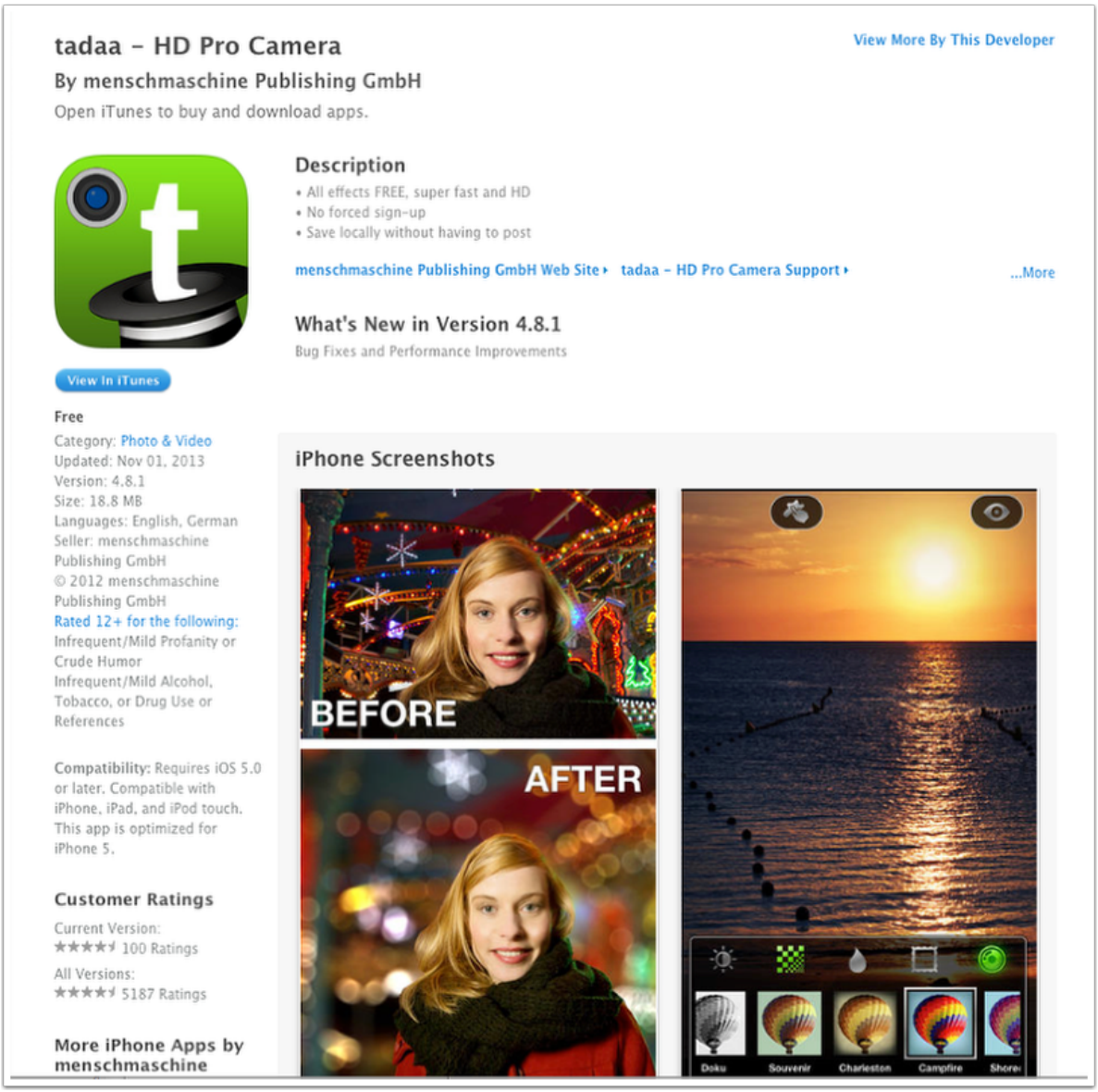


MomentCam - Free Appstore App

Hilarious ability to take any facial image and insert it into a multitude of backgrounds. Here is a humble sample.... with the bike I always wanted and a bit more hair...;)
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/momentcam/id687624831

TaDaa - Free App Store App

Need to conveniently focus on a particular image subject and blur the rest into the background? This app will do that for you. Example below
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tadaa-hd-pro-camera/id410005685



iStocking stuffers: 5 great iOS gifts under $30 - by Dave Greenbaum

http://gigaom.com/2013/12/11/istocking-stuffers-5-great-ios-gifts-under-30/

Here are five relatively inexpensive gift ideas for iPhone or iPad users on your holiday shopping list.

ChargeCard ($25)

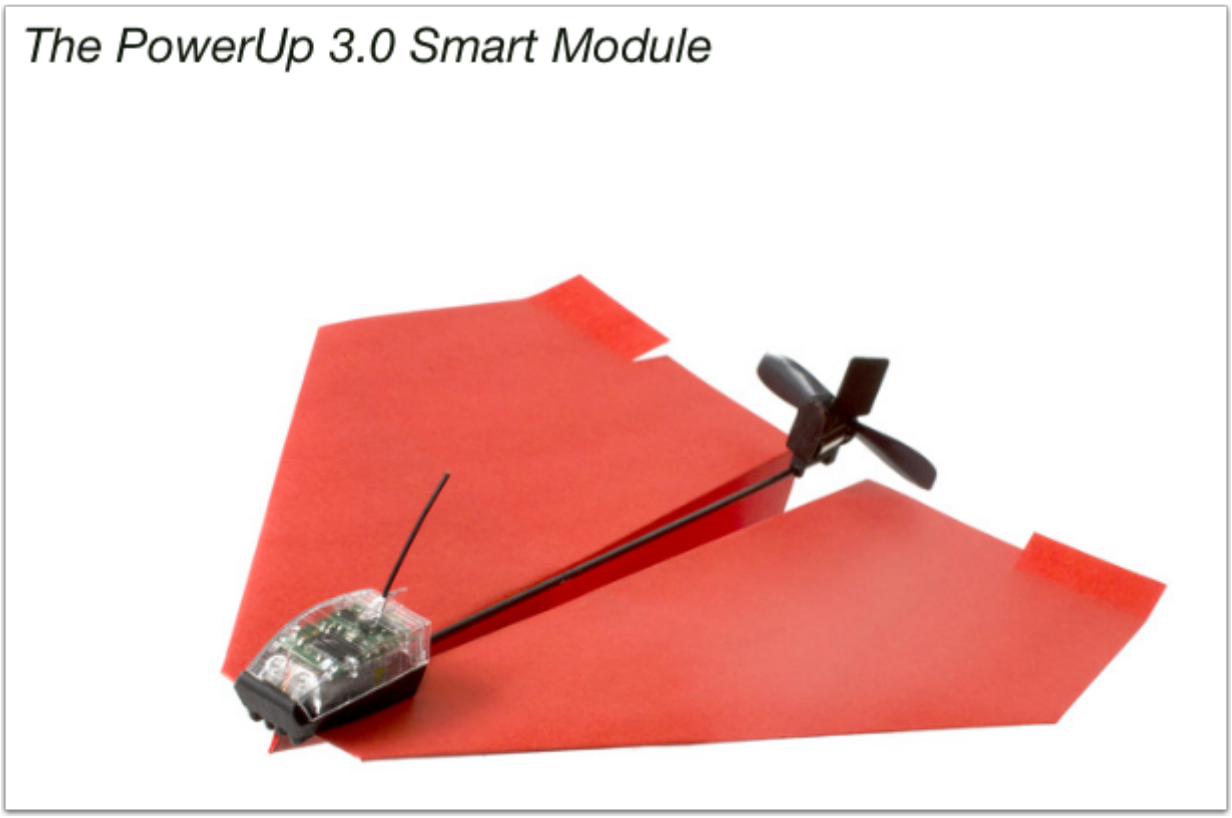
iPhone and iPad charging cables are a must-have accessory, but carrying around a cable all the time can be an annoyance. This innovative product packs either a 30-pin or a Lightning charger onto a device the width of two credit cards. Keep it in your wallet or purse for a handy charge on the go. I actually put it in the business card section of my travel bag so it's easy to reach when I need a quick charge and there are no cables to get caught on things.

Non Apple but Tech Related

A Multipurpose Key That Will Unlock Your Inner MacGyver - ANDREW LISZEWSKI on GIZMODO

http://gizmodo.com/a-multipurpose-key-that-will-unlock-your-inner-macgyver-1473144476

5 Tools in one and its just $5! Box cutter, bottle Opener, metric imperial ruler, flat-head screwdriver and multi-sized wrench. Im ordering mine now!
You might also checkout Gerbergear.com for alternatives to the NiteSize tool shown below.

PowerUp 3.0 - Smartphone Controlled Paper Airplane

This one is a crowd-sourced smash.
http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/393053146/powerup-30-smartphone-controlled-paper-airplane